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THE PITY OF IT.

Some Reasons Given Why Men Cannot Get Employment.



HE pity of it, writes Helen Sterns to the La Crosse Clarion, in commenting upon the generality in which young girls are employed, where men should be. The article is well worth serious thought:

"Father is out of work and I have to stay out of school and earn what I can to help us live," said a girl of twelve to the truant officer who sought to enforce the compulsory school law—the law which compels every parent to give his children under sixteen four months schooling per annum.

The father out of work lounging round home and killing time, or walking the streets, weary and anxious, looking for a job. The child, undeveloped alike in body and mind, having mental and physical growth dwarfed because driven into factory, or store, or shop that its scanty earnings may make the living that the father is not permitted to earn because his own and other people's children are taking the work out of his hands and the bread out of his mouth! An apparent paradox, but is it not true?

And what is the use of passing laws to oblige children to attend school when manufactures will employ them at small wages, will not employ their fathers at a living wage, and thus liberally compel the children to support their parents? And too, when starvation is the penalty if they do not work!

What can be done when those grasping, sordid money-grabbers will shut the door of their shops and factories in the face of men and open them wide to women and children? Not that their work is better, but simply because they can get their labor at a lower price. This unnatural, utterly wrong condition, which put women and children in competition with husbands and fathers is the wall on which manufacturers raise their prosperity and build their colossal fortunes. And the pity of it all is that every year alike sees more and more of it, in spite of law and legislation. More busy women not only bearing the burdens of house and home keeping and child bearing, but compelled in part or in whole to support their husbands, perhaps, his sons!

And this is what these female reformers who have taught us every woman ought to be self-supporting, ought to be able to work, ought to do a man's work as well as a man, have brought us to. Women are placed now where they must work. In the "good old days" when women had no rights, every man felt himself in honor bound to support his womankind. It was felt a disgrace to him if he allowed them to work—it was evidence that he was unsuccessful, not a good manager. Now, the "tables are turned," and very likely a few short years will see social conditions so changed that a woman who cannot maintain her men folk in comfort, or idleness will be considered a failure.

This is what women have done for women—forced her into a position where instead of working because it is her pleasure she is compelled to toil compelled to make her babies toil, that together they may eke out a maintenance. Talk about the work of wife or mother! Neither equal what is expected in nine-tenths of the occupations in which women are employed, and in the other tenth the anxiety of physical demands. Thousands of women are learning how bitter is the boon for which they have struggled, and that the burden they have invited is heavier than they can carry. It is high time to call a halt and see "where we are at." High time that women turned to "the right about" and surveyed the situation, as it opens before everyone not born to a competence.

A Missouri man who was found guilty of stealing Kansas whisky was immediately judged insane and sent to the asylum as a desperate case.

LOCAL NOTES.

Jolly Earnest Smith was down from Pawnee Rock Sunday.

F. J. Flint was in town Monday, after his long sick spell.

Epworth League reception at A. O. U. W. hall Friday evening.

The 22d of February, Washington's birthday, is a legal holiday in Kansas.

Central draught Banquet Lamps at Simpson & Co's. from \$2.50 to \$6. 4t

A man with a long purse does not always have a heart proportionate in size.

Misses Frances Kauzer and Lena Wendel spent last Sunday at Ellinwood.

See those nickle lamps at Simpson & Co's., central draught, for \$2 and \$2.15—a snap. 4t

Try the DEMOCRAT a year for a dollar, six months for 50 cents, or three months for 25 cents.

The republican congressional convention for the 7th district will be held at Wichita on March 11th.

Wall Paper to be sold at and BELOW cost—to reduce the stock—at Simpson & Co's. See it before buying. 4t

Frank Haas, of Albert, was accidentally thrown from a horse and had an arm broken, last Thursday.

Capt. N. E. Norris and Chase Elmore two of Claffin's business men, were doing the county-seat last Friday.

The open meeting at Grand Army hall, Monday night, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all.

You can subscribe for any prominent paper or magazine, at the postoffice, and save the cost of stamps, money order etc.

Dave Heizer was in town long enough last week to give the boys a few tips about Cripple Creek mining operations.

An exchange tells of a young man who was arrested for "kissing a young lady, on her refusal." Why didn't he try her mouth?

New readers are added to the DEMOCRAT list daily. Our friends are all showing an appreciation of our efforts to make a paper that is acceptable to all people.

Henry Schultz of near Heizer, will leave on a visit to Illinois some time this week. Henry goes away only temporarily, as he cannot stay away from Barton long.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church held their social at the residence of O. W. Dawson, Wednesday evening. The "silver question" was settled for good, —so they say.

Cupid got his work in on L. Nickie and Annie Gable, both of the north east part of the county, and the probate judge performed his most pleasing ceremony for them last Thursday.

John Cook, possibly the first settler in Barton county, has been suffering lately with a disease that baffled the local doctors. He left Sunday for Hot Springs, Ark., in the hope of being benefited.

The republican county central committee at its meeting Saturday called a county convention to be held at Hoisington March 7th, to elect delegates to the judicial, congressional, and state conventions.

B. I. Dawson's team became unmanageable Thursday evening last, and throwing Ben out, cut for home on their own hook. Damage to wagon and harness slight, but Ben is still feeling a little sore.

Miss Weltmer, aged 84 years, a maiden lady who made her home with Jake Keener, south-east of Olmitz, died on Sunday the 9th inst., and was buried on the 10th at 10 a. m. Deceased was an aunt of John Weltmer, of Claffin.

A man who takes two drinks of whisky a day at 10 cents a drink, or four cigars a day at 5 cents each, for a year, can get, at any of our groceries, for what his whisky or cigars cost him: 30 sacks of flour, 220 pounds of granulated sugar, 72 pounds of good coffee and have \$10.50 left to buy him a new suit of clothes.

THE OLD BIBLE NO GOOD.

So Says The Chicago School Board. A New One Fixed For The Kids.



HAT wonderful goody-goody people we are now—days! How rapidly is civilization (?) advancing, when the good old Bible, that book our fathers read with a comforting belief in its correct precepts and its inspired authorship, is now considered not good enough to be read in the city schools of that wonderful moral (?) city of Chicago, whose school board is preparing to adopt a new, "Child's Bible, suitable to be read in the public schools," with the "bad things left out" and "foul stories in the Old Testament omitted."

Are we of the present generation growing so good, so pure, so high minded that we cannot permit our children to read the whole of that book which our sainted mothers, and their mothers before them, believed in its entirety, revered and cherished as the foundation of all good, the exponent of purity and the faithful guide board to a better world than this? Shall we say that the Bible is untrue, that the whole of Christendom for near 2000 years past have been pinning faith to the teaching of a book that is not fit for the children of the present day to read?

Is not such a movement dangerous to all Christian organizations? Will it not open the way for a wider difference of opinion and belief among members of the different sects of religious organizations, and prevent a uniting of all these sects and creeds which is so much needed in order that christianity may be more potent for good. If God reigns, and Christ was sent on earth to save the souls of men, and Moses and all of the prophets were inspired to write the law laid down in the Bible, by what right can the members of the Chicago school board reconstruct or eliminate any part of that law? Or by what right does the "new woman," that latest affliction of the century, assume to revise and reconstruct the same? I hope the DEMOCRAT will find space to print these few thoughts, which are called up by telegrams I read in the daily papers relative to the above proposed changes. ***

School Books at Chicago list prices; also, the new Excelsior Readers, at Simpson & Co's. 4t

G. C. Leshure and John W. Leshure have exchanged runs on the Santa Fe and J. W. Leshure has moved to Nickerson, while G. C. Leshure has his family domiciled in the southwest part of this city.

Amos Johnson is arranging to put out 800 more apple trees this spring, in addition to his already large orchard. Mr. Johnson is an enthusiastic irrigationist, and has been very successful in that line thus far.

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

The honestly liberal man is at all times magnanimous, in all things; while the mercenary is liberal only for show and with the object in view of gaining public notice. Great Bend has a few of the latter despicable class, and, thank God, many of the former.

The members of the school board of district number 53, Independent township, were in town Saturday making final arrangements for the building of a new \$450 school-house this spring. Bonds have been voted and all necessary arrangements are now made.

A man who was "too poor to take his home paper" sent \$4 to a man who advertised in a patent medicine circular that for that sum he would send a sure receipt to stop a horse from slobbering. When the receipt came it was very simple; it read: "Teach your horse to spit."

Prescriptions carefully compounded, and the best and purest of drugs sold by Simpson & Co. 4t

Will French, near Pawnee Rock, was thrown from a horse Sunday a week ago, and had his left wrist broken.

One farmer says that our wheat needs moisture and another says it does not. The DEMOCRAT thinks so too.

How about that "red horse" lodge that Jake Baker is going to organize? Will it be as "cheap" as other horses are now.

The class address for the city high school will be delivered this year by Prof. Swensen, president of the Lindsborg college.

Warren Miller, of Buffalo township, and A. J. Sear, of Seward, Stafford county, were callers on the DEMOCRAT Saturday last.

Robert P. Simpson is postmaster at the new office recently established in Union township. The name of the new postoffice is "Roberts."

Everything kept in a first class drug store, at the lowest living prices. Come and see us. Simpson & Co. 4t

Oxford Bibles from 90c to \$2.75, at Simpson & Co's. 4t

Hornbeck, at the old Beye stand has the best grades of apples and sell at the lowest market prices. See him before buying. Also fresh cider and cider vinegar always on hand.

Clayt Moses came home the first of the week from a stay of about a week in Cripple Creek. He says that country are overcrowded and not much show for small fry. Everything is overdone.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the freshest seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices. 4t

The Ladies Circle of the G. A. R., will give a supper on Washington's birthday, Saturday, Feb. 22, at the post hall, beginning at 5 o'clock. Admission 5 cents, supper 10 cents. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

There is a paper in Great Bend running an advertisement for a man who has not been in the business advertised for six months past. The ad. is probably run for fillin'—but it is a dead give-away, as well as a dead ad.

Fred Walker and George Striker came up from the Strip, by wagon, last Saturday. Fred says all the formerly of Great Bend people in his vicinity are reasonably happy and doing well, with prospects for a good crop season in 1896.

The marriage of Stanley Patterson of Hoisington, and Miss Anna Gruber daughter of John Gruber of Buffalo township, was consummated last week. Probate Judge McCorkle doing the official act. May they live long and prosper.

As a result of the unusually mild winter the city relief committee has had very few calls for aid so far. Measures should be taken, however, to provide some more funds, as the balance of winter may exhaust what is already on hand.

The Workman lodge of this city has its new paraphernalia now and did work with it for the first time Tuesday night. It is perfectly grand, and those who are so fortunate as to become Workmen can never forget the beautiful lessons that order teaches.

Go to Wichita by way of the Mo. P. Ry., to the Western Kansas Conference of M. E. churches. The Missouri Pacific will sell return tickets from Wichita at 1/2 fare, certificate plan. Date of sales, March 24 to 31; returning limit April 3rd. J. S. MYERS, Agt.

Charley Zutavern returned from his trip to the southeast, Friday. He has not a very good opinion of the country, from a wheelman's standpoint. He says it is long on creeks, short on bridges, high on hills and low on finances. He has nothing to say against its pretty girls—and of course he saw all of them—but on the quiet remarks that compared with Barton county girls, Butler county is not in it a little bit.

PERSONAL POINTS.



HARLIE Johnson returned last Friday from a visit of a few months in the south-east.

—Alfred Enloe is looking after Jas. Lonnen's affairs while Jim is visiting east.

—Jake Teten drove down from Albert, Sunday.

—Miss Vira Feaster left last week for California.

—Art Mitchell was over from Hoisington Monday.

—Will Kingen, of near Verbeck, visited in town Saturday.

—Editor Hobart was over from Hoisington Friday evening.

—Will Rush is able to be around a little, but recovers slowly.

—Attorney Jas. W. Clarke did business in Larned, Monday.

—John Frank returned from Grant county Saturday morning.

—Mrs. W. R. Brady visited friends at Pawnee Rock last week.

—W. A. Brodie was down from Verbeck, Saturday, to visit the folks.

—Al Spencer and wife, of the north side, were trading in town Friday.

—Mrs. B. Dotson has about recovered from her recent attack of the grippe.

—Miss Edna Lash, of Ellinwood, visited friends in Great Bend, Saturday.

—J. W. A. Cooke and wife, of Claffin drove down to the county seat Saturday.

—D. A. Banta and G. W. Nimocks did legal business in Scott City Monday.

—Ed. Odell and family, of Abilene, visited relatives in Great Bend last week.

—R. L. Alexander, A. Torrance and E. White, were up from the east side, Saturday.

—Mrs. D. Turner has been suddenly called to Warsaw, Ill., to see a sister who is ill.

—Henry Schwieler has been laid up most of the winter with inflammatory rheumatism.

—Will Schwieler, manager of the Heizer creamery, was doing business in town Monday.

—Mrs. Fair and Miss Hulda Roetzel, of Ellinwood, visited friends in Great Bend Saturday.

—James Lonen, of the south side, has gone to Salem, Ills. Not sure whether to stay or not.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann, of Dayton, Ohio were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gould in this city.

—Tom Brewer, the unquenchable populist of Pawnee Rock, was down to consult with the boys, Saturday.

—Jake Miller, who has been visiting with his friends in Hutchinson a couple of weeks, returned home Friday.

—Master Charlie Kauzer, of Comanche township, visited with his sister, Miss Frances, this week in Great Bend.

—Pat Reigel and wife have gone to Indiana to make their home—as long as they can stay away from Barton county.

—Greer Miller, of the south side, leaves this week for Miami county, this state. He will be back to Barton in due time.

—Mrs. M. Eppstein and two youngest children will leave, Sunday, on an extended visit to relatives at Champaign, Ill.

—George N. Moses and A. H. Connett attended the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting at Wichita the first of this week.

—J. B. Chastain returned last week from Woodville, Oregon. Says he prefers to remain in "God's country" the rest of his days.

—Miss Hannah Johnson, Miss Nellie Boughan, Frank Brown and R. K. Putnam were Great Bend young people who attended the masquerade ball at Ellinwood Friday night.